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### **The State Fire Marshal Announces “A Weekend to Remember”**

The State Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Walk of Honor Foundation, announced today what he described as “A Weekend to Remember.” In addition to the annual fallen firefighter memorial ceremony, which begins on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 AM, at the Louisiana State Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial in Baton Rouge, there will be an opportunity for the public to stitch a piece of history.

“The National 9/11 flag, the one that was destroyed in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, will be at the State Capitol building this Friday and then at our office on Saturday. The public will have the opportunity to sew pieces of flags that have flown in our state onto the 9/11 flag which will then be placed in the 9/11 Museum being built at the site of the World Trade Center,” State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning said. “This will be a great weekend to remember not only our brothers and sisters in who were lost on 9/11 but to also remember the Louisiana heroes who gave their lives protecting us from the devastating effects of fire.”

Browning, himself a 25-year veteran firefighter, stated that a procession bringing the 9/11 flag to Baton Rouge will begin in Slidell on Friday at 8:00 AM and will culminate at the State Capitol where a public sewing will take place from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Then on Saturday, April 16, a second sewing event will take place at the State Fire Marshal’s Office located at 8181 Independence Blvd. in Baton Rouge from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The sewing will follow the annual Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial service which is set to begin at 10:30 AM and a lunch that will be provided immediately after the service. The public sewing will begin at 1:00 PM.

This year’s Louisiana Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial ceremony will honor nine (9) firefighters who died in the line of duty. Their names will be added to the Wall of Honor with eighty-eight (88) other firefighters memorialized in past ceremonies.

“We owe a great deal to those who selflessly put themselves in harm’s way every day to protect us. This ceremony is an opportunity for the public to come and join the families and friends of those who paid the highest price and to let them know that they will never be forgotten.” Browning said. “This beautiful memorial is a place of reverence; a place where you can walk among the names of giants.”

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